[Translation]

Over Bridge in Allahabad, U.P.

2229. DR. AMRIT LAL BHARTI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned funds in October, 1989 vide construction order No. 199-89-28 Public Works Department/9/18/R/88 for the construction of an over bridge on Chaufatka Railway Crossing in Allahabad district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of funds sanctioned therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken for early commencement of construction work of this bridge;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e) The Central Government is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways\Bridges in the country and all other roads\bridges are essentially the responsibility of concerned State Governments. The over bridge in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh falls within the purview of State Government of Uttar Pradesh and as such responsibility for its construction lies with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

Foreign Universities

2230. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign universities presently running their B.Tech., M.B.A., M.C.A. and other courses on technical education in India;

(b) the average fees being charged by these universities;

(c) the number out of these foreign universities recognised by the Association of Indian Universities;

(d) whether entry of these universities in the country is in the interest of proper development of technical education;

(e) if not, whether the Government propose to make any law for the control and regulation of these universities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (f) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is vested with the power to accord permission to conduct programmes in technical education at diploma, degree and post-graduate levels. No Foreign affiliated programme has been approved by them. The Association of Indian Universities have also not recognised any foreign university for running any technical education course in India. The details of foreign universities running technical courses in India are not, therefore, available. In order to create awareness among the public against such foreign affiliated programme, the Council has been issuing public notices in the newspapers from time to time.

[Translation]

Irrigation Projects in Tribal and Backward Areas of Gujarat

2231. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the schemes launched in the tribal and backward regions of Gujarat for irrigation projects during the last three years, till date;

(b) whether any assistance has been provided by the Union Government for these irrigation projects during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of irrigation projects going on with the above assistance in the said regions of Gujarat as on date;

(e) whether these are likely to be completed in specified time-frame; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Port Policy

2232. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken initiative to amend the present port policy for optimum utilisation of existing private ports, providing additional facilities etc. to them, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to encourage and open up port sector for private investment;

(c) the details of direct foregn investment approved in port development and progress of the ongoing major project, project-wise; and

(d) the details of investment cleared/proposed for modernisation of ports and other related network facilities to keep pace with the global trend?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Private Ports are being developed by Maritime State Governments. The Central Government has not developed any Private Port.

(b) The Government has issued clear and transparent guidelines for private sector participation in Major Ports to cover the following areas :-

(1) Leasing out existing assets of the port.

(2) Construction/Creation of additional assets, such as:-

(i) Construction and operation of container terminals.

(ii) Construction and operation of bulk, break bulk, multipurpose and specialised cargo berths.

(iii) Warehousing, Container Freight Stations, storage facilities and tank farms.

(iv) Cranage/Handling Equipment.

(v) Setting up of captive power plants.

(vi) Dry docking and ship repair facilities.

(3) Leasing of equipment for port handiling and leasing of floating crafts from the private sector.

(4) Pilotage.

(5) Captive facilities for port based industries.

(c) The Government has recently approved the award of the licence for the construction and operation of a Two-berth Containor Terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port in favour of a consortium consisting of P&O Ports, Australia, Konsortium Perkapalan Berhad (Malaysia), & DBC Port Management Private Limited India.

A list of approved private sector participation projects is enclosed as statement.

(d) An outlay of around Rs. 15,465 crores-Rs. 9111 crores in central sector and Rs. 6354 crores in private sector-has been proposed in 9th Plan (1997-2002) for modernisation of major ports and other related network facilities.

Statement

List of Approved Private Sector Participation Projects

LEASING OF EXISTING BERTHS/ASSETS OF THE PORT

1. Leasing of berth No. 6 at Kandla Port to M/s. Geepee Corporation Limited, Bangkok for handling bulk and break bulk cargoes.
2. Madras Port Trust has entered into a long term berth reservation agreement with M/s. Bengal Tiger Lines.
3. Leasing of berths at Haldia Dock Complex to Steel Authority of India Limited and TISCO.
4. Bombay Port Trust entered into an agreement with M/s. American President Lines for use of berth No.1. Indira Dock Complex.
5. Leasing of NS Dry Docks 1 and 2 with adjacent lands and wet berths etc. to M/s. Chowkhani Shipyard (Bengal) Limited for ship repair facilities at Calcutta Port.

CREATION OF STORAGE FACILITIES/WAREHOUSES

6. Leasing of land to M/s. SPIC for storage and despatch of LPG in Tuticorin Port.
7. Lreasing of land to M/s. Suraj Agro Private Limited at Madras Port for creation of storage facilities for non-hazardous liquid bulk cargo.
8. Leasing of land to M/s. Ganesh Benzoplast Limited for creation of storage facilities for Class "B" and "C" liquid chemicals.
9. Leasing of land to M/s. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited for creation of storage facilities for Class "B" and "C" Liquid Chemicals.
10. Land has been leased to various parties at various major ports for creation of new storage fracilities/ warehouses.
11. Leasing of Transit Shed at Visakhapatnam Port to M/s. Tinna Oils & Chemicals Limited, Bombay for setting up mechanical cargo handling facilities. etc.

CREATION OF DRY DOCK, SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES AND SHIP BREAKING

12. Setting up a floating dry dock and ship repair facilities at Mormugao Port by M/s. Western India Shipyard Limited.
13. Setting up of ship repair facilities at Madras Port by M/s. Chowkhani International Limited.
14. Land allotted to M/s. Western India Maritime Division for setting up of Ship Breaking Yard.

LEASING OF EQUIPMENT BY PORT FROM PRIVATE SECTOR

15. Container Handling equipment taken on lease by Jawahar lal Nehru Port Trust.
16. Container handling equipment at Bombay Port.
17. Hiring of Tugs at Visakhapatnam Port.

CAPITAL DREDGING FROM FUNDS PROVIDED BY OIL COMPANIES

18. Capital Dredging at New Mangalore Port Trust funded by M\s. MRPL.

CREATION OF FRESH BERTHS

19. Creation of crude handling and POL product facilities for M/s. MRPL's Refinery at New Mangalore Port. Funding of project arranged by M/s. MRPL through SCICI.

20. Virtual jetty by IOC at Kandla.

21. Virtual jetty by HPCL at Kandla.

22. Approval to M/s. Reliance for construction of Asia Bulk Terminal off Goa coast.

23. Liquid jetty at Kandla through IFFCO.

24. Creation of LPG facility at New Mangalore Port through.

25. Creation of off shore stackyard and berth (OSB) off Marmugao Coast.

26. Captive Jetty for M/s. SPIC Electric Power Corporation at Tuticorin.

27. Captive Jetty for Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals at New Mangalore.

28. Container Terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port.

Technical Institutions in Tripura

2233. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :
SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up educational, technical educational and polytechnic institutions in Tripura and Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Technical and Educational Institutions to be set up in a State\Union Territory depends upon the proposals from the State\Union Territory Governments based on manpower needs and their overall viability. No proposal has been received from the State Governments of Tripura and Assam for establishment of technical institutions.

Strike by Resident Doctors in RML Hospital

2234. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Work affected at RML Hospital" appearing in the "Statesman", dated February 14, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Resident doctors went on token strike for 24 hours on 12-13 February, 1997. The hospital authorities have reported that they resorted to this action in protest of cases filed by Police against a few doctors on the basis of FIR lodged last year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Bye Passes in U.P.

2235. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bye passes planned to be constructed on National Highways in Uttar Pradesh during 1997-98;

(b) whether a bye-pass in Bareilly on National Highway No. 24 is under construction;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Ninth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised, as such it is not possible to give details.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The proposal is still at the stage of survey and investigation.

(d) Does not arise at this stage.

Opening of IIT

2236. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of I.I.T.s in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to open new I.I.T.s for Kodarma, Hazaribagh and Giridih districts of Bihar;

(c) if so, the time by which these are likely to be opened; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) There are six IITs located at Mumbai (Maharashtra), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Delhi Kanpur (U.P.), Kharagpur (West Bengal) and Guwahati (Assam).